

## Says Who?

# SEZ OUR PREZ!

Jeff Manuel

Dear Fellow Edgebrookians,

June is finally feeling like Summer and we're grateful the unexpected monsoon season has passed. Summer events are beginning to dot our calendars, including:

- **June 23** – the **Edgebrook Garden Walk** showcases our neighborhood's horticultural triumphs.
- **July 4** – **Janice Kepka**, the outgoing Principal of Edgebrook School, will be Grand Marshal of the **ECA Fourth of July Parade and Picnic**. Let's send her off with a big *Thank You*.

The ECA hosted meetings on the new airport flyover paths and the mysteries of the "fungus among us" (native mushrooms). We sponsored Clean and Green area clean-up days, fixed the flagpole and hoisted new flags (helped by the Chamber of Commerce and Alderman O'Connor). We are eager for the start of the Blue cart recycling program.

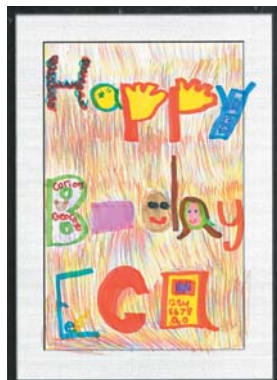
Can you help us with the **July 4th Parade and Picnic**? To volunteer for an hour or two, give me a call at 773-775-4065, email me at [jmanuel474@gmail.com](mailto:jmanuel474@gmail.com), or talk to one of the many ECA directors who live in our neighborhood, maybe right next door! It takes a village for this 21st century incarnation of Mayberry to be all that it can be. Many thanks.

Jeff Manuel—President, ECA

### We started in 1938. Help us continue in 2013.

For 75 years we have served the community with the generous help of neighborhood residents. Are you a 2013 member? Why not visit <http://edgebrookcommunity.org> to join online? You will be supporting a great neighborhood.

## July 4th Poster Contest Winners



This year's poster contest asked entrants to imagine how Edgebrook and the July 4th parade have changed over the 75 years that the ECA has served the community. As a hint, we told entrants that in 1938 no one in Edgebrook had read *Curious George* (1941), played with a Slinky (1943), tossed a Frisbee (1948), eaten at McDonalds (1954), stuck a Post-It Note (1974), or surfed the Internet (1990).

Edgebrook, Wildwood and SMOW students responded. Grand Prize winner Rose, a 4th grader at SMOW, used our list of post-1938 creations to form the letters on her poster (the Y in Happy is a cell phone). Madeline, a SMOW 2nd grader, Gabriel, a 5th grader at Edgebrook School, and Bella, a Wildwood 2nd grader, were First, Second and Third place winners. See all



the winners and outstanding artwork in full color at <http://edgebrookcommunity.org>.



## Save Your Ash Trees

Treatment options for the Emerald ash borer are available. For more information visit [saveyourash.org](http://saveyourash.org).

## ECA COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Special Events for the Neighborhood

Sunday, June 23 • 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM • NBA Garden

### Visit Edgebrook's Gardens



Sunday, June 23, the Edgebrook Community Association (ECA) and North Branch Arts (NBA) will host the **Second Annual Edgebrook Garden Walk** from 11 AM to 4 PM.

This year's theme is *sustainability* and it is on display in the dozen unique gardens you'll visit on your self-guided tour. Neighborhood gardens include a backyard chicken coop, a beekeeper's haven, and a hydroponic vertical vegetable patch.

Taking part is easy! Registration is day-of-event at 10 AM at the NBA Community Garden, 6431 N. Kinzua (east of the Metra platform and north of Devon.) Tickets will be sold until 3 PM.

For your \$10 donation you'll receive a goody bag with a water bottle and a full-color **Garden Guide and Map** to this year's participants. *Discounts are available for seniors and ECA members.* Children under 7 are free.

While visiting the NBA Community Garden you'll enjoy:

- Container Garden Silent Auction
- Insect Petting Zoo
- Demonstrations and Master Gardeners

**Got Kids?** Want to stroll *kid-free*? Enroll your 3-12 year-olds in open art studio time at NBA, 5421 W. Devon. Your \$20 donation covers two children for two hours. Each additional child is \$5.

**Don't miss the post-walk party!** Celebrate another successful garden walk from 4:15-5:30 PM in the NBA Community Garden!

The rain date is Sunday, June 30, same time, same location. Check our event weather update hotline at 773-774-6161.



For more information visit <http://edgebrookcommunity.org> or call 773-230-6724.

All funds raised support the ECA and NBA.

Thursday, July 4 • 11:00 AM • Edgebrook School to Wildwood Park

## July 4th Parade & Picnic ★ ☆ ★ ☆ ★

Edgebrook residents have rallied around the July 4th Parade & Picnic since the late 1930s. This year's parade is doing double duty, celebrating the 237th birthday of America and 75 years of ECA community service.

The parade begins at 11 AM in front of Edgebrook School. It proceeds west to Central, south to Devon, north on Lehigh, west on Hiawatha, and finishes at Wildwood Park.

The **Rickover Naval Academy's** marching band will keep us in step.

Remember, *everybody* is welcome to take part in the parade. Make a float, decorate your

bike, twirl your baton...the choice is yours! Years past, a band of Edgebrook parents played *Jingle Bells* the entire route because that was the only song they knew. Don't be shy. This is *your year* to shine.

At Wildwood Park **The County Doctors** will furnish country and western guitar picking and boot-stomping tunes, starting at high noon and continuing through the games, burgers and brats, watermelons, old time outdoor games and more.

**It's a picnic. It's a concert. It's fun and games. It's a good time. And it's for all ages!**

## Is your home vacation-ready?

You know the drill. Stop the mail and paper delivery. Put your lights on timers. Notify your neighbors. But do you leave your air conditioner running? The toilet seat up? Check

the tips from *HGTV Magazine* at <http://www.hgtv.com/homekeeping/prep-your-house-for-vacation/index.html> for ways to safeguard your home while you're away.

## Sign the FAiR petition

FAiR, a coalition of community organizations dedicated to the equitable distribution of O'Hare aircraft traffic needs your help. Have you signed the FAiR petition? If you are unhappy with the new air traffic patterns, let your voice be heard. Sign the FAiR petition at <http://www.change.org/petitions/faa-immediately-halt-plans-to-change-runway-usage-in-october-2013>. The link to the petition can also be found at <http://edgebrookcommunity.org>.

For more information contact Jac Charlier at [jac.charlier@gmail.com](mailto:jac.charlier@gmail.com).

## I read that! Did you?

The **Adult Book Club** at CPL's Edgebrook Branch, 5331 W. Devon, is seeking new participants. The group meets the fourth Wednesday of each month at 6:30 PM. This summer we'll discuss:

- June 26 *Bossypants* – Tina Fey
- July 31 *Great Gatsby* – F. Scott Fitzgerald
- Aug. 28 *Art of Fielding* – Chad Harbach

Interested in sharing ideas about exciting books? Call 312-744-8313 and ask to speak with a librarian.